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Report of Executive Committee

Wolfville, May 24, 1947
To the Grand Division, S. of T.:
1. Your Executive would first join in thanks to Divine Providence which permits us to meet in this semi-annual session.

We appreciate the invitation and the hospitality of Wolfville Division No. 112, organized on Dec. 15th., 1853, by Dr. J. M. Cramp, the second president of Acadia University. It is a pleasure to meet in their comfortable hall, and we trust their Centennial in six years may find them growing in numbers and usefulness.

2. Your Executive met as soon as possible after the annual session, and organized sub-committees, Bro. H. W. MacDonald, P.G.W.P. being the chairman of the Agency and Official Organ Committee.

We have held several meetings, and appreciate the attendance of those at a distance like the G.W.P. from Yarmouth, the G.W.A. from Digby, and Bro. Hayden, P.G.W.A., from East Shelburne, as well as those who are nearer.

Your Executive have endeavored to carry out the policies laid down by last annual session as fully as possible, and keep our total abstinence work active.

3. FORWARD

The only real temperance publication in the Maritimes is filled with temperance information by the Editor, Rev. Edward Morris, and the subscription lists are well looked after by Sister Florence Payne.

The subscription list has held up very well, but could and should be much larger. We remind Divisions that each one is supposed to appoint a FORWARD representative, whose duty is to get new subscribers and look after renewals. If every Division had a representative who would attend to this, we could have a much larger subscription list.

Considering the increased costs of printings, we feel that Bro. Wallis is doing the work at a satisfactory figure, although the necessary increased costs also increase our deficit, which is \$189.09 for the past six months, which so far comes within our estimates of \$400 for year, passed at annual session.

Divisions should send in more short notes of their doings. The Editor would welcome these but cannot publish if they are not sent.

4. AGENCY

Since the annual session our Field Agent, Rev. James Hunt, has been constantly at work. He started in Hants County, following through the Valley to Yarmouth, thence to Shelburne and Queens County.

From there to Truro, the Musquodoboit Valley and to the Wallaces in Cumberland Co., and Denver, in Guysboro Co. He has thus visited nearly every section on the mainland of N. S. where we have divisions. In every place where there is electricity he has shown the films, visited the public schools and taken Sunday services usually more than once a day.

He has thus reached many people with a temperance message, and kept our principles before them. The films have been shown to the high school pupils in most of our towns, and in smaller schools where conditions permit. In Truro following his showing at which several clergy men attended. They all pre-

ached temperance sermons on Sunday following.

In many ways he has aroused temperance sentiment, although the results in way of increase in membership have not been what we hoped.

Divisions at Kingsport, Port Louis, Saint and Avondale have been re-organized. The plan of the agency committee is now for him to work longer in Truro, with a view to secure members for that Division, thence to Guysboro, a county in which he has visited for many years and where there are a number of dormant divisions, which we hope he may be able to revive.

The hospitality of the members all over the section visited has lightened the expenses, and this kindness is appreciated.

Bro. Hunt

A Summary of Bro. Hunt's work includes the following:

Public Meetings with 67 showings of both films to 420; 20 Public Meetings, with temperance addresses to 530; 35 Sunday Temperance Meetings, services to 1601; 68 Schools visited and talks given to 2435 pupils; 41 Divisions visited and addresses given to 420; 13 Schools visited with films shown to 800 pupils of lower grades; 10 High Schools, visited with films shown to 1265 pupils.

This makes a total showing to date in various parts of the province of "It's the Brain That Counts" 15 times, and "The Beneficent Reprobate" 85 times or a total of 237 showings.

5. JUVENILE

It is gratifying that our Grand Patron finds an increased interest in Band of Hope work, and is not taking space to comment on this work here, not because we do not recognize its importance, but because we feel that she covers it so fully in her reports, that we only commend her for the work she is doing.

6. BLOTTERS

As part of our Juvenile work we have sent out 11,150 during the present school term. These blotters featuring General Montgomery as a total abstainer, had a temperance message, and have dual who would arrange for a temperance talk to the pupils of the public schools. This means that over 10,000 pupils have had a temperance talk, and the message before them whenever they use the blotter. We consider this as one of the most effective means of bringing a temperance message before the youth, and have a few left that we shall be glad to send to any school before this term ends.

7. NEWSPAPERS

Following the resolution of annual session, a letter was sent to each weekly newspaper in the province, requesting that they do not accept the high standard by accepting the so-called "Institutional advertising" of the liquor trade, which even if it does not directly advertise their products, is a very thinly veiled appeal for moderation, and endeavor to make the people liquor conscious.

The letter had various receptions, but quite an editorial response. Some called us temperance cranks, some denounced the business but felt that as long as it was legal, it might as well be advertised, some thought if we gave them the money we paid

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Quarterly Session of

Grand Division

The quarterly session at Wolfville, May 24th was a very enjoyable time. The mix-up between the Federal and statutory holiday on May 24th, and its observance by Halifax and some towns on May 26th, was unfortunate, as it prevented many from attending. However, the attendance was very representative for a quarterly session. The G. W.P. and Mrs. Winchester were there from Yarmouth, and motored back 160 miles after the evening session to enable him to take his Sunday services.

The M.W.P. and Mrs. A. S. MacDonald came with a delegation of 10 from the extreme eastern part of our jurisdiction, at Sydney 71 representatives and 17 visitors, representing 18 divisions were in attendance.

It is always a pleasure to meet at Wolfville. The comfortable, commodious hall, with all facilities, the friendly hospitable members, the good fellowship found at the sessions, the common interest which unites, the serious deliberations, and the laughing all made up an interesting gathering. Wolfville Division served meals and their generous contribution to the Centennial Fund was another example of their practical support to our provincial work.

Our Grand Conductor, Bro. James Farris, is an institution in Grand Division, and it is only necessary to say that he is in good form.

The morning session opened at 10:30 a. m. with all officers present, excepting the Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain and P. G. W. P.

Reports by the various officers were read and referred to various committees. At 12 o'clock a recess was taken to enjoy the dinner served by the Division and at 2 p. m. G. D. resumed business, 13 candidates, whose credentials were found in order were initiated into G. D., and their names entered in the Grand Division, now 94 years old, which the Halifax Mail, in a recent write-up, said was the largest autograph album in the province.

The report of Executive committee was presented, and discussed clause by clause, and adopted. This report dealing with all our various activities, took a large part of the afternoon.

The Most Worthy Patriarch and the Most Worthy Patron were officially welcomed to the session and addressed by G. D.

The report of the obituary committee told of the loss the Order had sustained in the death of Bro. Chas. Robinson of Strathmore Division, Chas. A. Patriarch of Wolfville, and Richard Creed of Rechab Division. The first two of these had received the fifty year badge. This report ended by a reading given by Bro. A. W. Leslie, P.G.W.P.

Mrs. Mary Snow of Home Division No. 163, Smith's Cove, Digby County, and Mrs. J. H. Spinney of Wolfville, No. 112, and the District Scribe of Kings District Division were presented with 50 year badges, with the usual presentation ceremony. The announcement in the evening that Mrs. Snow was one of three generations of her family present at the session, and that five generations of her family had been active workers in the Home Division, was warmly applauded.

After the members had again enjoyed the hospitality of Wolfville (Continued on Page 2)

Report of Grand Worthy Patriarch

R. Roosevelt Winchester

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Division of Nova Scotia:

Greetings to all:

"A goodly thing it is to meet in Friendship's circle bright."

And a goodly thing it is to meet with that group of people fighting and sacrificing for the work of the Sons of Temperance. There is a certain honor as well as an added glory to be a member of such an order. An order which stands for total abstinence and representing all that is noble and good in the mortal life and experience of mankind.

We extend our own best wishes and heartfelt greetings to each and all here assembled. Some of you have come a long way and because of that we recognize your interests.

Then, too, there are those of you who are present in a Grand Division session for the first time. We welcome you. To the visitors assembled here we also extend a cordial welcome, and will look forward to the time when your name will be enrolled upon the book of membership with the first great advocates of Temperance, and the many other staunch and earnest supporters that have written therein throughout that past period of history making which we call the Century of Temperance Progress. While we do value the members of Grand Division we would at this time pay tribute to our visitors. Because we recognize the important places you fill in the work of the Subordinate Divisions. Where would our Grand Division be if it were not for those sincere and consecrated workers in the subordinate divisions.

The past few months have been busy ones. During that time as an Executive we have tried to get an idea of the work in the different divisions by means of questionnaire. Some 30 answers came back. Some of the Executive said that 1/3 was a good percentage, but naturally I couldn't agree with that. I felt that we should have had a great many more because it would not take much time to fill out that sheet of 11 questions and certainly not nearly as much time as the part of the R.S. or W.P. and more especially the deputy to whom it was sent, as it did to prepare it. It could have been forwarded with the returns. Co-operation in all matters is one of the great, if not the greatest, roads to success.

Perhaps here we might give a few thoughts as a result of the answers we did receive. There seems to be a great lack of program material and information regarding the working of the Order. Much material for program can be found in the Forward, the Handbook, and the Constitution. How much do we know about either one of them? Initiations for practise are very helpful and worthwhile. Games, readings, recitations, song groups character and sketches of some of our great workers, also information about our early work could all be used to great advantage in many of our divisions. The appointment of a new Good of the Order Committee each night is also a great help.

There were 7 divisions reporting Bands of Hope, and for the others, lack of leadership seemed to be the problem, as well

as the lack of interest on the part of the parents. This is tragic. It was good to know that 26 out of 30 said that the F. S. kept in touch with members in arrears and one division went so far as to report no members in arrears.

Speaking of Forward, 23 said the Deputy brought the paper to the Division and one said he didn't need to as every member was a subscriber. That is grand but even at that the Deputy should bring the Division Copy to the hall as it might come in quite handy some time. Twelve divisions have a representative for the writing of articles and the getting of subscriptions for Forward. Six divisions reported Educational Temperance Programs. Many divisions reported no special plans for the increase of membership other than the plan of each member working for increased membership, and 7 had plans for the Centennial Fund. This last statement is nothing to worry about, for while only 7 say they have plans, the last issue of Forward says there are twice that many on the honor roll as of the first of May. No doubt there are many more by this time.

The most important phase of our work is the juvenile or Band of Hope work. While we may get along for a while and maybe for a long while, and after a fashion without a Band of Hope, we find that the division that is backed up by a Band of Hope is strong and flourishing. Is there a situation where a Band of Hope exists without a division? How many divisions have no Bands? Did you read the Grand Patron's work in last Forward? Did you notice her plea for co-operation and support in getting reports from the Patrons? We hope you did. Did you read what she said about the boys and girls (she said Youth) that should be identified with some total abstinence society? And last of all did you read and do as she said to remember when she said, "Time is flying and as we only pass this way once may we do some good thing as we move along?"

It is an important work but it does not have the support it should have, and therefore leaders are lacking.

The Field Agent, Rev. James Hunt, has been active in many of the divisions, thus covering much of the province. His task is not an easy one especially during the winter months and the spring break, when the roads in many places are impassable. Some divisions have been re-organized as a result of his tour, and I trust you will give your support. Bro. Morris cannot write this paper each issue. To make this already interesting and worthwhile paper more so needs the support of every division in the province. Why not have a representative in your division to send in items relative to the work and to the division. Many of the doings in your division are of interest to all.

During the past months I have been able to attend a number of rallies and district sessions. Some grand rallies in Shelburne East District have been held and I was glad to attend them. These rallies have done much for the strengthening of the Order. The work on my field and the demands of my church have kept me from doing the much more I should like to do. At (Continued on page 3)

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Editor's Column

CRUSADE for FREEDOM

Quarterly Session of Grand Division

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We aim to abolish the use of alcoholic beverages through education and legislation. We instruct and train the children in a threefold promise to abstain from alcoholic beverages, the use of bad language, and the use of tobacco in any form, through our juvenile organization, the Band of Hope. In our Divisions we pledge ourselves to abstain from the use of intoxicating beverages, and to fight the liquor traffic. Persons interested in the forming of Bands of Hope or Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in their communities are urged to write this paper for full information.

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EDITORIAL

REMEMBER

As we draw near to the Centennial Sessions of the Sons of Temperance in Nova Scotia, it is well to remember that the cause of total abstinence has been championed so long, and the good work continues and must continue with greater energy and purpose as wealth and even governments support the liquor curse for financial objectives.

It is also interesting for us to remember that 1947 is the Centenary of the Band of Hope Movement, founded in 1847 by an Irish woman, Mrs. Ann Jane Carille of Dublin. I am reminded of the passage in Deuteronomy, Chapter eight, Verse two. God is speaking to Moses: "Thou shalt remember all the way, which the Lord thy God led thee." Some times we are met with a question from drinkers and supporters of the liquor evil. "What have you accomplished?" No one can estimate what has been accomplished during the past 100 years by Temperance organizations and the Band of Hope. We have gone a long way in understanding the scientific, economic and social effect of drinking during the past century. And the whole evil business stands condemned. Medical science, the sports world, physical fitness, insurance business, and this fast machine age, all stand opposed to drinking. We have learned that:

Alcohol is a depressant, habit-forming narcotic drug.

Alcohol is drunk to get the drug effect.

Alcohol causes disease, psychosis, multiple neuritis, gastritis, cirrhosis of the liver.

Alcohol causes deaths from acute and chronic poisoning; reduces resistance to infection; diminished likelihood of recovery from acute infections such as pneumonia; it increases liability to accidents and delays recovery.

Alcohol reduces endurance, accuracy and rapidity of muscular action of all kinds even when used in small quantities.

And remember, alcohol decreases expectation of life; reduces chance and survival of offspring. It affects the emotional and nervous control, hinders reliable judgment and self-control and contributes to venereal diseases.

And remember, alcohol never, under any condition, increases the vital energy of the body, but decreases it through its poisonous influences upon the living cells.

It is never a tonic or stimulant, but a deterrent. It diminishes, and never increases the energy of the heart, thus not beneficial in cases of shock, collapse, fainting, etc. Alcohol does not aid digestion, but hinders it.

Will all this medical scientific knowledge of alcohol as a beverage, are we not justified in fighting the manufacture, sale and consumption of liquor, wines and beer?

And remember, the temperance organizations as such are not existing for financial or material personal benefit, but from a sense of national and individual uplift, are making sacrifices and laboring to offset the financial objections of wealthy corporations and governments whose only objective is revenue.

Our Program Poem

In this space each issue will appear a poem suitable to be used on your Division Programmes. The Editor welcomes contributions to this column.

A Fool!

A fool there is and he drives a car,
Even as you and I.
But he drinks and drives from bar to bar,
And tries to drive like a shooting star,
For the fool thinks he's away above par:
He really feels quite "high."
Some night he'll be crushed in his foolish skin,

When he crashes into a tree,
His friends will all say what a fool he had been,
To drive at such speed with his hide full of gin;
But all they will do is condole with his kin
And regret that such things must be.

Oh, we waste lots of words and we waste lots of cash,
And our tears would make swimming pools.
But the taverns still flourish on every hand,
And liquor is flowing all over the land,
But this could be stopped if we'd take a firm stand:
So really now, who are the fools?
—Alice McPride (in the Independence, Mc. Examiner.)

If alcoholism is a disease as some medical men now tell us, what a terrible responsibility rests upon the Nova Scotia and other governments in Canada who commercialize the spreading of disease.

Chancellor Dalton of England in his recent budget speech increased the price of cigarettes and tobacco and said, "All we need to do is to smoke a little slower, make our cigarettes last a little longer, throw away our stubs a little shorter, knock out our pipes a little later, and all this might even be good for our selves."

In the United States we learn that the high costs of liquor and bottled beer is working out in the same way. The slowdown in business has not yet affected prices in the leading nighteries and hotels. Bottled beer is more prominent on tables and at the bar. Prices for so-called premium beers are ranging from 35 to 55 cents per bottle and bartenders contend, however, that there is considerable "nursing of the drinks", and feel that prices must be reduced if trade is to show more life.

Alexander conquered the world but alcohol conquered him. He died drunk at the age of 33.

If you want a loaf on the table, don't loaf at the bar.—Cobbers.

WHAT NEXT? B. C. in search of a doctor to test a new drinking. We have politicians, educationalists and even ministers who believe that "moderation" is sane drinking.

If all the Christian Churches would face the liquor evil as the Methodist Episcopal Church in the U. S., this continent would be a glorious place to live inside twelve months. And when we use the word "glorious" we don't mean what the laboring man meant when looking at the clock to knock off, said "In three hours I'll be gloriously drunk."

BROADCAST

The second broadcast of the year consisted of an address prepared by the G.W.P., which was a very strong appeal for total abstinence and support of the Sons of Temperance.

This was first given over the station at Yarmouth where a recording was made. It was then given over the Windsor station, thence over CHNS at Halifax on May 29th, and has been sent to Sydney for use there. So in this way the broadcast will cover the Maritimes and much beyond.

Refuse Magazines

Let us refuse as Christians to subscribe to or to have in our homes, magazines that carry liquor advertisements. The following do not carry liquor advertisements:

The Reader's Digest; Saturday Evening Post; Country Gentleman; Ladies' Home Journal; Good Housekeeping; Christian Herald; Parents' Magazine; The Woman; Pathfinder; Scholastic; Capper Publications; Etude Magazine.

Why subscribe for those that promote liquor drinking and all its consequences?

MODERN NURSING RHYME

Taffy was a Welshman, Taffy came to grief,
And though the beer posed as friend, it was a shocking thief:
It stole his cash,
It stole his sense,
It stole his manly pride,
And all the rest he valued, it stole from him beside.

NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity! Hab. 2:12.

Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them, because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity, Ezekiel 7:19

We are all blind until we see that in the human plan, Nothing is worth the making, if It does not make the man.

Why build these cities glorious if man unbuilted go?
In vain we build the world, unless

The builder also grows.
—Edwin Markham.

To quote again from the sentiments voiced in Saint John, N. B., in Nov. '32, at the request of the Evangelical Alliance:

"Sisters and brothers, what shall we DO about the situation in which we find ourselves? I ask this question I see Trinity Hall in Halifax where the Grand Division meetings were held. Our Grand Scribe for N. S., Mr. A. M. Hoare, whose locks have whitened while striving to keep out of our province mankind's greatest foe, standing with a challenging expression on his face as he asks which way we will serve—God or the devil. I answer you that if we serve God it means ACTION. You can help the devil a whole lot by simply DOING NOTHING." I agree with Bro. Hoare.

"Today we hear a great deal about unemployment. Conditions in our land are caused by too many unemployed Christians who have been helping His Satanic Majesty by DOING NOTHING. Others of us belong to the type of over-organized Christians. The present world situation, people starving in the midst of plenty, finds its parallel in the spiritual world.—Unemployed Christians on the one hand, and on the other, Christians filled to the brim with organizations, social engagements, and these have precipitated the spiritual situation—Souls starving in the midst of plenty. The first to suffer, to feel the cut, are the soldiers in the front ranks of the King's Army, the Missionaries of the Gospel.

Meanwhile the King's Business is tottering on a precipice. A multiplicity of competitive Christian organizations in all churches seek to keep alive by artificial respiration while the Business of the King of Kings is facing bankruptcy for lack of men and women to carry out His plain commands. The 1947 S. S. lessons for this quarter are challenging.

THE RISE AND FALL OF A NATION

History supplies ample material concerning The Rise and Fall of many nations. World War II brings us up to date. What contributed to The Rise of Russia? The words of Valentina Coy Miltz, a Ukrainian lecturer, may explain. "In Russia, if a woman offers a soldier liquor she has to serve The Fall of France. If she gives it to him she is shot. There can be no drinking while the war is on, for men must be strong, healthy and fully possessed of every whit of their strength and ability." What caused The Fall of France? The official verdict of the French government was "Alcoholism was the chief cause of the French Army's collapse; and the worst of France's four great problems." Gen. Petain said, "Our soldiers were drunk and could not fight."

Forty thousand chronic alcoholics in Canada today and increased facilities for many more thousands, only ONE of numerous tragic results of government sale of the DRUG ALCOHOL, should surely awaken every Canadian Christian to the need of IMMEDIATE ACTION. Canada is too young and too valuable a country to be permitted to commit suicide.

Do we think that our God, so interested in Israel, has no

ville Division at supper, the evening session was called to order at 7:30 p. m. The first item was the showing of the new film "Drunk Driving" which was shown by the Field Agent, Rev. Bro. Hunt.

This film, produced by one of the leading picture companies, with co-operation of the New York State police, is a powerfully told story of the man who did not get drunk, but only had "one or two", and the consequences. It ends with the warning by a State safety director, "If you drink, don't drive. If you drive, don't drink." Many favorable comments were made after the showing of this film, the feeling being that this was one of the most effective educational methods we can use, and that this picture is a valuable addition to our other film service. We hope to have this shown as widely as possible all through the province.

The various sessional committees reported on their reports, among which we note one section of the Committee on Resolutions, presented by Bro. James Kerr of Sydney.

WHEREAS, The liquor drinking habits of the people continue to increase especially among the young people, and that legislation respecting crimes and accidents are to a large degree attributable to alcohol, (a judge of our Supreme Court has stated that over 75% of crime is caused by liquor) home life is being affected thereby and enormous sums of money being wasted.

And WHEREAS this deplorable condition of affairs is the subject of resolutions at practically all of the sessional gatherings of our church bodies:

THREFORE, be it RESOLVED, That this semi-annual session of the Grand Division S. of T. of N. S., call the attention of these bodies to the programme of our Order, asking for their cooperation in encouraging their adherents to unite with us, pointing out our total abstinence pledge and the fact that we are a non-denominational and non-political body, now entering its second century of Temperance Educational work.

After the general business of Grand Division was concluded, a very interesting quiz contest was conducted by the G.W.P. on matters concerning the division work.

The quick and correct responses to the various questions showed a well trained membership. Some interesting points were brought out, and this closing feature was much enjoyed by all.

PLAN or PURPOSE for the nations today? In 1933 a man in Germany claimed to be God. It cost billions of dollars and millions of deaths and casualties to win for us FREEDOM to worship THE ONLY TRUE GOD. In 1933, largely because of the example of Canada, the most near, ly Divine law concerning alcohol ever placed on the statutes of any country, the 18th Amendment was repealed in U. S. A.

When nations were getting farther and farther away from God, Was it mere accident that at that Sacred Easter, in the most Sacred year of our lifetime, the nineteen hundredth anniversary of the Crucifixion of Our Saviour, The Holy Spirit revealed God's PLAN, HIS WILL concerning A NATION—CANADA? GOD WANTS CANADA TO ABOLISH THE MANUFACTURE, IMPORTATION, SALE AND POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL AS A BEVERAGE AS QUICKLY AS IT CAN BE LEGALLY ACCOMPLISHED.

During the fifteen years that this message has been repeated in every province of Canada, what ACTION has been taken by Canadian Christians?

IN OUR FATHER'S TASK

Bessie MacMillan Miller,
(Mrs. V. L.)

Among the Divisions

CAPE BRETON DISTRICT DIVISION

Shining Star at Fourchu, one of our newer divisions, was host to the Cape Breton District Division when they met in quarterly session on Saturday evening May 17, with the D.W.P., Bro. Robert Lewis, presiding. Though to many of the members Saturday was an inconvenient time, sixty were in attendance and several divisions represented despite long distances which some had to travel.

A fair increase in membership for the past quarter was noted and several divisions are making progress in the Centennial Financial Campaign; some have already been placed on the Honor Roll and it is expected that others will be within the next month.

During the evening the D.W.P. called M.W.P., Bro. A. S. and Sis. MacDonald before the gathering and, with the assistance of Sis. Mrs. Alex MacLeod of Shining Star, extended congratulations and best wishes, presenting them with a silver tray, in recognition of their recently observed 25th wedding anniversary. Both are earnest and faithful workers and Bro. MacLeod recalled that he had not in his memory missed a session since the District Division was organized in 1904.

A number of visitations were scheduled the first to be with Light of Home Division at Gabarus on June 9. The visitations have always been a great asset in welding our divisions together. The gatherings are so much more informal than the District Sessions and members seem to mingle more freely.

The members of Shining Star Division were ready at the close of the meeting and served well enjoyed and bounteous refreshments.

G. D. M.

CONGRATULATIONS

Lily of the Valley Division, who have already attained the Honor Roll for Increased Subscriptions, have again sent in eight new subscribers, through the kind efforts of Mr. A. K. Gates, THANK YOU!!!

A Temperance Meeting

A public meeting on temperance education, sponsored by the Truro Division, Sons of Temperance, in Immanuel Church hall was well attended by a representative audience to hear Rev. James Hunt, field agent for the Grand Division S. of T. for Nova Scotia, speak on Temperance, the need of more temperance education, and more interest in temperance work.

Mr. Hunt showed two sound films on temperance which gave a vivid conception of the effect of alcohol on the human brain and on the nerve system of the body. Said he, only one drink, even of beer, blurs the vision and slows the action of the drinker.

The appalling increase in the sale of liquor is shocking, and if not stopped, will surely drop our nation down.

The meeting was opened by Rev. Mr. Calkin, pastor of Immanuel Church. Rev. Ross Eaton read the Scripture lesson and Dr. Knot led in prayer.

Rev. Jas. Hunt also showed one temperance film in the Academy hall filled to capacity with students. Truro Division appreciates the co-operation of the different churches who gave up their midweek to the temperance cause. We also wish to thank those who gave generously to the fund for temperance education.

Nova Scotians spent on liquors and beer in 1946 \$23,325,093.90, an increase over 1945 of \$4,182,483.60.

—Truro News

Report of Executive Committee

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For Forward, we would do more good, some came right out and proposed to the business and the advertising proposal; and one editor picked out the least objectionable ads, which other provinces allow, and published them free to show the people how good they were. Although we were the only body to take action, our views were presented in a reasonable manner, and we were glad to note that at a recent meeting of the weekly newspaper association, the matter was again before them but no action taken.

8. RADIO

Just before Christmas a broadcast was given over CHNS, The G.W.P. had prepared a 15-minute address, which was given over CJLS at Yarmouth. A recording was made, and this was given from the Windsor station, and is also to be given from Halifax and Sydney stations, as soon as dates can be arranged. It is hoped we can arrange for this quarterly throughout the year.

9. FILM

We have procured a new film on Drinking and Driving. It is in story form, similar to "It's the Brain That Counts", a two-reel, 20 minute sound film.

It is prepared by the Metro Goldwyn Meyer Co., with the cooperation of the New York State police. The actors are professional.

The film has been shipped and we hope to have it by the time of this session.

10. CALENDARS

The usual number of Calendars have been sold and in this we recognize the great co-operation of the provinces.

Report of Field Secretary

This report covers the period May 1st to 15th.

The schools visited include Wallace Bay South, Wallace Bay, Wallace Bridge, Wallace and three schools in Truro.

Sunday Schools visited and talks given were New Glasgow, Baptist and Hillside, United.

Services on the Lord's Day were given at Wallace, Wallace Bay, Wallace Bridge and New Glasgow. Divisions visited were Mill Village, Wallace Bay and Truro.

Public meetings with film showings were held at Wallace Bay, Wallace, Pugwash, New Glasgow and Truro.

Good fellowship was enjoyed at these places and thanks to all who helped in any way.

The Field Agent wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all who sent expressions of sympathy to him and his family, over the recent passing of his father in England.

This report covers the period May 16th to 31st and has involved more travelling and fewer meetings.

A temperance message was given in the United Church, East River, Gushyboro, on a Sunday evening with a good attendance, while the two films were shown to a Sunday evening audience in Brunswick St. United Church, Truro. Divisions visited were at Denver, Newtown, North Range and Mill Village.

The schools at Barton and North Range were also visited. Public meetings with film showings were held at Barton, North Range, Port Williams and Mill Village. In addition the latest film secured by the Sons of Temperance was shown at the Grand Division at Wolfville.

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tion of Lily of the Valley and Wolfville Divisions in their large number of sales.

It is up to this session to say if they want a calendar published for next year.

11. THE CENTENNIAL FUND

The Centennial Fund, under direction of Bro. Miller, P.G.W., has been starting growing. The agency, the films, blotters, and similar educational methods are all made possible by this fund, and we trust that every division will feel their responsibility to raise the quota assigned them.

12. OUR CENTENNIAL

Nov. 17th next will mark 100 years from the date when the first division of the Sons of Temperance in N. S., Acadia No. 1, was organized at Yarmouth. This work in N. S. and has borne the burden and heat of the day since its inception. We are inclined to forget the labors of the leading men and women of this province, who labored so long and faithfully in our Order and built up a sentiment which wiped out the legalized traffic. But it is fitting that this historic time should be well observed by all our divisions, and that our Centennial should be an outstanding event.

The most of the copy for the Centennial booklet is now in the hands of the printer. There have been 78 men who filled the G. W.P. post in the last 100 years, and pictures of 64 of these have been secured. There will be over 80 pictures in all with some historic material. The book should be out in two or three months.

13. NEWSPAPERS

Requests have been made to various districts to secure a part of a weekly column to be known as Sons of Temperance Notes. If a local committee will see their local papers and arrange for space, and needed assistance in getting material your Executive would arrange to furnish some notes each week, of temperance information, which the local committee could supplement by items of local interest in our own districts. In this way we could get much temperance information before the public.

THE PROVINCIAL SITUATION

According to usage we present the provincial liquor situation.

An all high expenditure in the Govt. liquor stores of \$23,325,477 is an increase of \$4,182,483 over that of last year. The increase of sales this last year is about the total amount of sales nine years ago.

In 9 years the liquor bill of Nova Scotia has increased by 500%. To those who say the extra tax is a good thing, in increased prices, we may point out that in gallonage the increase was 781,267 over that of last year.

The war is over; the service men from outside have gone home. Yet every one of the 44 government liquor stores showed an increase with two exceptions, and each of these, Truro and Sydney, had sales of over one million dollars.

Tourists did not account for the increase as there were 78,860 less temporary permits issued than in the previous year.

That the legal sale of beer is weaning people away from hard liquor as was claimed, is disproved by the fact that of the 23 million dollar sales, over 12 million was for hard liquor.

Few drinking people will admit that a large increase in liquor drinking is a desirable thing for a country.

We get other things with this revenue. There were 8235 convictions for violations of the law an increase of 2970. There were 5402 convictions for intoxication an increase of 3003. The report of the Highway Department says that the PROVEN cases of drunken driving, as causes of accidents, increased by 17%, and actual convictions increased by 82% over that of last year.

Among the causes of deaths and injuries the report gives 7 killed and 75 injured, by known intoxicated drivers.

291 persons were arrested for drunken driving, and only 17 of these acquitted. 405 licenses were

Report of G.W.P.

R. Roosevelt Winchester

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the present we are preparing for our Association gatherings in June, and as Clerk with 66 church reports plus the Young People's Societies and Sunday School in connection with them, perhaps you can understand some of the doings of the present day. A program for 7 sessions has to be prepared with speakers and so forth. While this work is not hard and very interesting, yet it does take time.

However, I do feel that in the members of the Executive there is a grand body, without whose help and experience I would be much less Grand Worthy than I am, which is, even at that, quite small.

Officers and members, we have a big task before us. It is going to enlist every worker, with every talent and ability concentrated within them, to the future service of our noble Order to accomplish anything at all. The call is for men and women everywhere devoted to the work of total abstinence and with passionate love for the souls of youth. Men and women who will picture the good as they see it, for the good of all things as they are. A call to rally around this Order and support it with body and mind and soul. And as we do that I am sure that the Most Worthy Patriarch, the highest of the high, will give unto us his blessing and added assurance that all done in His Glorious Name will receive the proper reward. For right is right since God is God, And right the day must win. To doubt would be disloyalty. To falter would be sin.

And so we say in closing, Take courage Temperance Workers. Ye shall not suffer wreck, While up to God the people's prayers

Are rising from your deck, We cheer, ye bravely, brave tollers, For daylight and for land; The breath of God is on your sail, Your rudder in His hand.

Take cheer, your work is holy God's errands never fail; Sweep on through darkness and through storm, The thunder and the hail.

The port, for morning cometh; The sail on you shall win, And all the hills of God shall ring

The ship of Temperance in, Submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

R. Roosevelt Winchester
Grand Worthy Patriarch

Program Helps

(By Aunt Jane)

Tea-seers,
1. What tea has the quality of being soug? 2. What tea is free from bias? 3. What tea is appointed to act for another? 4. What tea is not of our kind? 5. What tea is more than half? 6. What tea is rich cancelled, and another 137 persons denied rights of driving because of intoxication.

These are merely the figures which come up in official reports. The many tragedies which do not get in these reports, the broken homes, the increasing number of alcoholics and the steadily growing army of drunkards, all lower the standard of citizenship. So many lament these conditions, yet so few are willing to do their part towards correcting them.

To increase the number of total abstainers was the aim of our founders a century ago; that principle is still sound and necessary.

It is the only sound base of any temperance work. Let each member and each division take this more deeply to heart.

Submitted in L., P. and F.,

E. R. Nickerson,
Secretary.

Band of Hope Corner

Mrs. C. H. C. MacLaren,
G. P., Center Burlington,
Hants Co., N. S.

For quarter ending March 31, 1947, and given at Semi-Annual session of Grand Division, Wolfville, May 24, 1947.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Bands
Reported Dec. 31, 1946 ... 29
Organized Bands ... 1
Re-organized Bands ... 2

Number of Bands ... 34
No losses in Bands.

Membership:
Reported Dec. 31, 1946 ... 1078
Added members ... 188

Members to be accounted for ... 1266

Losses:
By withdrawn members ... 65

Total membership, March 31, 1947 ... 1201
Gain in members ... 123

Organized Band: Members
602, A. M. Hoare, Armdale, Halifax Co., Mrs. Cora Hoare, Patron ... 23

Resuscitated Bands:
560, Maple Leaf, Upper Newport, S. of T., Mrs. Lamont Parker, Patron ... 11
568, Sparkling Water, South Rawdon, Hants Co., Miss C. Simm, Patron ... 21

Re-Organized Bands:
121, Crusade, Barrington, Shelburne Co., Mrs. I. S. Ryer, Patron ... 36
208, Day Star, Shag Harbour, Shelburne Co., Mrs. E. W. Crowell, Patron ... 32

Total Membership by New and Re-Organized Bands ... 123

Highlights:
Joining Division, 2 reported.
Regular meetings held, 20 reported.

Public meetings held, 2 reported
Three reported sending a contribution to Centennial Fund.

Bands Holding 11 Meetings:
536, Amethyst, Wolfville, Kings County

479, Buds of Promise, Sydney, C. B. County.
565, Rainbow, Westmount North, C. B. County.

Bands Holding 10 Meetings:
475, Starr, Halifax City.
602, A. M. Hoare, Armdale, Halifax County.

I am pleased to report that a brand new Band was organized at West Gore on Friday, May 9, with 18 members. I was delighted to see so many of the parents at this meeting. On May 21st, I visited the Climbers Band of Hope at Martock, and enjoyed a fine program put on by the members. I might add to the report of the Band at West Gore its name, which is Willing Workers No. 603. Mrs. James Audley MacDougall is Patron.

Your Grand Patron has great hopes of having other Bands re-organized during the summer and fall.

Faithfully submitted in Love, Purity and Fidelity,

Bessie Rutherford MacLaren,
Grand Patron

in resources and invention? 7. What tea denotes successful progress? 8. What tea is rough and harsh of sound? 9. What tea is an assembly of colleges? 10. What tea is legal punishment? 11. What tea is a song sung by the sailors at work? 12. What is blindness? 13. What tea is neat and pleasing? 14. What tea is freedom?

Answers:
1. Acidity, 2. Impartiality, 3. deity, 4. Jolity, 5. Majority, 6. Fertility, 7. Prosperity, 8. Asperity, 9. University, 10. Penalty, 11. Chanty, 12. Agility, 13. Pretty, 14. Liberty.

—Aust. Temp. Adv.

Calendars

Just a few of the Centennial Calendars left, which will be sent for 25 cents each, postpaid.

CENTENNIAL FUND CAMPAIGN \$3,500

Dear Members:

Our Centennial Fund has taken a big jump since the last report and we are well on the second half of our objective. Wolfville Division reached the Honor Roll by handing in \$100.00 at the Grand Division session held there on May 24th, and if they had not spent about \$300.00 on improving their hall, would be leading in this campaign.

Lily of the Valley at Port Williams are also repairing their hall, but have made another contribution and will be placed on the Honor Roll before long. Milton of Yarmouth held a pie sale not long ago and have doubled their objective. Riverside of Sydney River have also reached the Honor Roll and we are pleased to acknowledge contributions from many other divisions, members and friends.

The reports of our work appearing in this issue of Forward show some of the results of our work and the need for meeting our objective this year.

Let's see how quickly we can reach the \$2,500.00 mark.

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- TOTAL \$100.00
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\$294.25
 Previous \$1633.62
 TOTAL \$1,927.87
 (Note: The items from East

Shelburne and Queens were delayed in the mails after being given to Bro. Hunt during his visit to those places.) Yours in L. P. and F. R. D. Miller Chairman.

CENTENNIAL FUND HONOR ROLL

- 1.—Sparkling Fountain, Pleasant Valley
- 2.—Mayflower, Halifax
- 3.—Star-in-the-East, Sydney
- 4.—Guiding Star, Shag Harbour
- 5.—Geneva, Dartmouth
- 6.—Goodwill, Kingsport
- 7.—Loyalist Division, Shelburne
- 8.—Royal Oak Division, Middleton
- 9.—Loyal Acorn, Jordan Falls
- 10.—Riverside, Avondale, Hants Co.
- 11.—Perry, Carleton
- 12.—Arm-of-the-Sea, Westmount
- 13.—Polar Star Division, Doctor's Cove
- 14.—Granville Division, Granville Ferry
- No. 15.—St. Croix Division, Hants Co.
- No. 16.—Milton Division, Yarmouth
- No. 17.—Riverside, Sydney River
- No. 18.—Wolfville, Kings Co.

SUBSCRIPTION REPORT FOR MAY 1947

- New Subscribers:
- \$1.00 Mrs. Ida S. Ryer; Miss A. J. Archibald; John W. Reid; Mrs. Lovett Forsythe; S. L. Gates; Mrs. Sylvanus Gates; A. Cameron Murphy; Mrs. Hattie Bezan-son; Mrs. Albert Coffill; Borden G. Lantz; Mrs. Frank Balcom, Sr.; Mrs. Stanley Lewis; Mrs. J. D. Drysdale; W. N. Grant; Mrs. Chas. Mattinson; Edwin Thompson.

- Renovals:
- \$200 Anna R. Baedor Division, Glenwood, N. S.
 - \$1.00 Mrs. Watson Smith; Miss Isabel MacFarlane; Protestant padre; Eric Wood; Mrs. Ellen Vine; Mrs. C. W. Smith; Mrs. J. S. Reid; Stephen Hayden; A. K. Moore; Jack Pringle; Mrs. Louis Mills; Mrs. D. McK. Reid; Rev. C. J. Crowdis; J. D. Black; Miss Jeanne Strachan; Rev. H. A. Sipp-Phill; Mrs. Edna Hall; H. E. Nickerson.

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"What is a grass widow, mother?"
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- No. 11.—Framboise Division, No. 1141
- No. 12.—Sparkling Fountain, No. 1095, South Ohio, N. S.
- No. 13.—Light of Home, No. 540, Gabarouse, N. S.

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"North Star" meets Friday evenings at 7:00 in Protestant Orphanage, Veth Street.
"Rainbow" meets Monday evenings at 7:00 in Halifax Industrial School.
Visiting Members Welcome at All these Meetings.

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Halifax, Nova Scotia
meets first Thursday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Lecture Room of Brunswick Street United Church. Visiting members cordially welcome.

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 Meets every Tuesday in Kingston Bible College Academy, at 8:15 o'clock, p.m.
 New and Visiting Members Invited.

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Star of the East Division, No. 61
 Sydney, N. S.
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